

## One Kingdom On Earth Forever

We will begin our study about One Kingdom in the book of Daniel.

Even in Daniels' prophecy of God's kingdom .... it is never given a 'time limit' of a thousand years. When the kingdom of God is set up on earth .... it will be forever .... not just for 1,000 years -- with mutiny at the end of it:

**Dan 2:44** And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

Nebuchadnezzar recognized the 'eternality' of God's kingdom and rule:

**Dan 4:34-35** And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion,  
and his kingdom is from generation to generation:

35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

When Christ comes, His kingdom will be forever .... not for 1,000 years:

**Dan 7:13-14** I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, (Matt 24:30, 1 Thess 4:17, Rev 1:7) and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

When God's saints inherit the kingdom .... there will be no rebellion after it:

**Dan 7:18** But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

Daniel saw the same 'series of events' that Jesus later described.

There will be world-wide persecution against God's saints, and they will be killed, until the Lord returns and gives the saints authority in God's kingdom:

**Dan 7:21-22** I beheld, and the same horn made **war with the saints,**  
(Rev 13:7) **and prevailed against them;**

22 **Until the Ancient of days came,** and **judgment was given to the saints of the most High;** (1 Cor 6:2-3)  
and **the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.**

Daniel concluded the issue with the same scenerio. Public opinion will be against the TRUE God, and the believers will experience great tribulation. But in the end, evil will be put away and 'real' Christians will inherit eternal life in God's kingdom:

**Dan 7:25-28** And he shall **speak great words against the most High,**  
**and shall wear out the saints of the most High,**

and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

27 And **the kingdom and dominion,**  
**and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven,**  
**shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High,**  
**whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,**  
**and all dominions shall serve and obey him.**

28 Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations (that is, 'thoughts') much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

After intense 'trouble' .... will come deliverance for God's people:

**Dan 12:1-3** And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and **there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time:** (Matt 24:21, Mark 13:19) **and at that time thy people shall be delivered,** every one that shall be found written in the book. (Phil 4:3)

Deliverance .... is resurrection for the saints,

and destruction .... for the lost:

(Dan 12:) 2 And many of them that **sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,**

- **some to everlasting life,**
- **and some to shame and everlasting contempt.**

3 And **they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.**

God's saints will shine as children of light (John 12:36, Eph 5:8,

1 Thess 5:5, Prov 4:18) in His kingdom:

**Matt 13:43** Then shall **the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.** Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Jesus is the Light of the World (John 8:12) .... and He made us the light of the world to shine before men here and now (Matt 5:14-16, Phil 2:15) .... until the day dawn, and the Day Star arise in our hearts (2 Pet 1:19):

**Prov 4:18** But **the path of the just is as the shining light,** (Psa 97:11, Prov 13:9) **that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.**

Jesus will give Himself to the overcomers (Rev 2:28) .... He is the Star:

**Rev 22:16** I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. **I am the root and the offspring of David,**  
**and the bright and morning star.**

In God's covenant with David, the promises were to be fulfilled in his **seed:**

**2 Sam 7:12-13** And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, **I will set up thy seed after thee,** which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and **I will establish his kingdom.**

13 **He shall build an house for my name,**  
and **I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.**

David's Seed will rule from his throne .... in the kingdom .... forever:

**Psa 89:29, 34-36** His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.

- 34 My covenant will I not break,  
nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.  
35 Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David.  
36 His seed shall endure for ever,  
and his throne as the sun before me.

God repeated His promise to David. It is sure as His word:

**Psa 132:11** The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

Isaiah also prophesied of David's eternal throne and kingdom .... being ruled by Emmanuel (Isa 7:14) .... being identified as Jesus (Matt 1:21-23), Who is GOD with us. It is He Whose government will never end:

**Isa 9:6-7** For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder;  
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God,  
The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.  
7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Jesus the Christ .... is David's Son:

**Matt 1:1** The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Even the Pharisees acknowledged it when Jesus asked them:

**Matt 22:42** Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he?  
They say unto him, The Son of David.

The house David's son Solomon built for the LORD was great (1 Chron 22:10, 2Chron 2:5). It was the natural fulfillment .... the 'type' .... of the GREATER house (Heb 3:6) .... built by One Who was greater than Solomon:

**Matt 12:42** The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon;

and, **behold, a greater than Solomon is here.** (Luke 11:31)

Enforced government is not God's way .... but man's way.

God does not impose His will on fallen human society, as political leaders do:

**Mark 10:42-45** But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, **Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them;**

**and their great ones exercise authority upon them.**

43 **But so shall it not be among you:**  
**but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:**

44 **And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.**

45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Jesus resisted the effort of people .... to make Him an 'earthly' King:

**John 6:15** **When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king,**

he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

Religious Jews were looking for a 'literal, visible' kingdom at Jesus' 1st advent .... but that was not His purpose when He came to die for sinners:

**Luke 17:20-21** And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said,

**The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:**

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there!

for, behold, **the kingdom of God is within you.**

The kingdom Jesus brought then was a 'spiritual, invisible' kingdom:

**John 18:36** Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

When the angel Gabriel was fortelling Jesus' birth (Luke 1:26), he prophesied about Jesus' never-ending kingdom .... not just for 1,000 years:

**Luke 1:31-33** And, behold, thou (Mary) shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

When the thief on the cross was beside Jesus at His death (Matt 27:44),

he believed Jesus would be in His kingdom after death:

**Luke 23:42-43** And he said unto Jesus,  
Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee,  
To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Peter (Acts 2:14) proclaimed Jesus Christ's resurrection to David's throne:

**Acts 2:29-33** Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; (Where is that throne?)

31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Jesus, as the 'seed' of David .... has full rights to David's throne.

That's the GOSPEL truth .... the same as it was prophesied all along:

**Rom 1:1-4** Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle,  
separated unto the gospel of God,  
2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets  
in the holy scriptures,)  
3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;  
4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of  
holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

It is not the RICH that will inherit God's kingdom (Matt 19:23-24).

**The kingdom of God belongs to the POOR** (Luke 6:20):

**James 2:5** Hearken, my beloved brethren,  
Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and  
heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

God's kingdom is on earth now .... as His law is in the hearts of His servants  
(2 Cor 3:3; Rom 2:15, 7:22; Jer 31:31, Heb 8:10) and He rules in the  
lives of believers. God's kingdom is also in heaven now .... as Christ sits on  
the throne. When Jesus comes back, every eye will see Him (Rev 1:7). He  
will burn this earth with fire, and bring His one 'literal, visible' kingdom onto  
a NEW earth without sin and death for ever (Rev 21:1-4), not 1,000 years:

**2 Peter 3:7, 13** But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the  
same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment  
and perdition of ungodly men.

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens  
and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Paul wrote of these things in EVERY ONE of his epistles (2 Pet 3:15-16).

The OLD testament was preached up until the time of John the Baptist. But then .... John the Baptist (Matt 3:1-2) and Jesus (Mark 1:14,15) and the 12 disciples/apostles (Matt 10:5-7) all preached that God's kingdom was "at hand". It was invisible, being 'in' them (Luke 17:20-21). They had to be 'born again' in order to be able to 'see' it (John 3:3,5):

**Luke 16:16** The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.

In a 'spiritual' sense .... God's kingdom is already here .... NOW:

**Matt 12:28** But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, (which He did) then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

In a 'visible' sense .... God's kingdom yet will come in the future:

**Matt 6:9-10** After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

The earthly Zion is a 'figure of the true' heavenly Zion, where God dwells:

**Heb 12:22** But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

God's kingdom is in heaven now, but it will come to earth -- PERMANENTLY:

**Psa 132:13-14** For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. (**Zech 2:10**)

14 This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.

Paul called Jesus Christ (1 Tim 1:16) the KING! We should, too!

**1 Tim 1:17** Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*This is David Dowell saying, "Think about it!"*